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### Jerome Enters Plea On Forgery Charge

Buffalo, N. Y.—Jerome P. Jerome, a New York City man, whose arrest in Cleveland coincidentally resulted in the apprehension of a suspected bank robber, pleaded innocent yesterday in Supreme Court to a charge of second degree forgery.

Jerome, accused of signing and passing a bad check in December 1935, told the court he had been informed in 1941 by then Erie County District Attorney Leo J. Haggerty that the forgery charge had been dropped. Supreme Court Justice George H. Rowe ordered that Jerome's assertion be checked.

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### The NEWS Spotlights

## They Kill Deer With Knives If You Believe All They Say

By VANCE RANDOLPH

Many of the wildest hunting stories in the Ozarks begin with an old-timer exaggerating the abundance of game in the early days. It is not easy to tell just where the truth leaves off and the exaggeration begins.

The old hunters all say that in the 1870's wild pigeons came to the Ozarks in vast flocks that actually darkened the sky, almost like an eclipse of the sun. There were so many birds that they sounded like a cyclone coming.

In Christian County, Missouri, an old man told me that it was no use to fire into a flock of flying pigeons with a rifle. The single ball usually killed four or five birds, he said, but the hunter came home empty-handed just the same.

When I asked for further light, the fellow explained that the flocks were so compact that the dead birds couldn't fall, but were carried along with the others by sheer momentum.

#### Destroyed by Pigeons

The hillfolk believe that many ships lost at sea in the 1880's and 1890's were really destroyed by pigeons.

The story is that the pigeons tried to cross the ocean, but became exhausted. Whenever they saw a ship the weary birds alighted on it in such numbers that their weight actually sank the vessel. If the crew took to the boats, the pigeons sank them, too.

I heard an old man at Fort Smith, Ark., describe such a shipwreck in a way to make one's blood run cold. Several hours later it occurred to me that the old man had never seen the sea or any boat bigger than an Arkansas river-packet.

Tall tales about bear hunting are legion in the Ozark country. A certain fleet-footed Arkansas lawyer, according to the fireside legends, always shot his bear in such a way as to injure but not seriously cripple it.

Then he would run for home, with the enraged animal in close pursuit. When he reached the cabin, he would turn and shoot the bear dead.

He figured it was easier than

skinning and cutting up the critter out in the woods somewhere, and then packing the meat and skin home on his back. This way, the old woman and the kids could do most of the work.

#### Panther on Ledge

One of the more widely distributed hunting yarns concerns a man who met a panther on a narrow ledge, to which he had fled when pursued by a she-bear with cubs.

He couldn't go forward because of the panther, he couldn't turn back because of the bear. Resolutely he drew his knife, but the panther knocked it out of his hand.

The great cat opened wide its mouth, when the intrepid hunter had a sudden inspiration. Springing forward, he reached down the varmint's throat, caught hold of the root of its tail, and with one swift pull he turned the critter inside out!

Leaping over the body of the ruined panther, he left it lying there to distract the attention of the bear, which was still following close on his trail.

There used to be a character in southwest Missouri whose sole ambition, so he said, was to kill a bear with his teeth. This feat had never been accomplished, he declared, in the whole history of civilization, and the man who succeeded in doing it would be rich and famous forever.

He had made three unsuccessful attempts, according to the tale. Each time he had been forced to use the gun, killing the bear in order to save his own life.

#### Cain't Bight A

After the third failure he gave up. "A full-grown wild b'ar cain't be killed by bitin' him," was his final conclusion.

The Ozark hunters tell a lot of fascinating windies, about dogs. In Stone County, Missouri, I overheard several references to the "wheelbarrow" dog owned by Frank Hembree.

I supposed that wheelbarrow was the animal's name, but Frank soon set me right. He said that Bulger was the best coon dog in Missouri, but since all four legs were frozen off, it

was necessary to trundle him around in a wheelbarrow.

"He just points his head the way he wants to go," said Frank, "an' I push him. It's kind of slow in a rough country like this, but we get a lot of coons thataway."

Frank says that he and Bulger have caught as many as twenty coons in a single night, and he wears out two or three wheelbarrows every season.

Tales of men and boys who kill game by throwing stones are also common. In "Pebbles from the Ozarks," Fred Starr tells of a boy who was knocking squirrels out of the tall trees with rocks, always throwing with his left hand.

#### Of City Fellers

A pop-eyed city feller remarked upon the astounding accuracy of southpaws. "I ain't left-handed," the boy said. "But if I was to throw right-handed, it'd tear the squirrels up too bad."

Last not least, most hillfolk are sharpshooters. I once saw Clarence Sharp, of Pittsburg, Kansas, one of the best rifle shots in the Southwest, kill a flying mallard at an incredible distance with a 30-30 Winchester.

When I expressed my astonishment at this feat, Clarence said that it was nothing out of the ordinary.

"When I was a boy, near Dutch Mills, Arkansas, everybody shot geese with rifles," he told me. "I used to kill 'em so high in the air that we had to put salt on the bullets, in order to keep the birds from spoiling before they hit the ground."

(Tomorrow: High Winds and Funny Weather)

#### Senators to Probe

#### Peddler of Influence

Washington, D. C.—Senate investigators said today that public hearings opening tomorrow on influence-peddling by a one-legged New Yorker would unfold a "fantastic story" involving New York, Boston and Philadelphia businessmen.

It will be the Senate Permanent Investigating Committee's first major inquiry into the influence peddling field since its "Five Per Center" hearings two years ago.

Committee sources said these businessmen have testified they gave the unidentified peddler sums of money for assuring them he could obtain lucrative government business for them.

They claimed he never made good his promises.

## Farley Granger Holds Title Of Bobby-Soxer's Big Thrill

By VIRGINIA MACPHERSON

Hollywood — Farley Granger, the bobby-soxer's delight, said today every time he makes a personal appearance tour he winds up running for his life.

"Literally," he insists. "The way those girls mob me makes me feel—and act—like an escaped convict."

"I have to run into corners to get away from 'em. I've jumped out windows. I've even found them peeking over the transom of my hotel rooms."

"Honestly, it's dangerous. They all want to hug you and kiss you and they'll knock down anybody who tries to stop them."

No Farley has nothing against energetic females. At the moment, he is the big love in sizzling Shelley Winters' life. That is one reason he would like to live a little longer.

"In Boston, they had to call out the riot squad," he said on the set of Samuel Goldwyn's "I Want You." "I was appearing in a theater and the dames went wild. Finally, I ducked into a little closet to escape."

"Then I discovered it was a blind trap... the only way out was back through that mob of wild women. It took 45 minutes and a whole gang of cops to get me to the door."

"My press agent got trampled... a few of the girls got shoved

and slapped... and I had most of my clothes ripped."

Then there was New Orleans. "Some woman was in charge of that," Farley winced, "and when I finished my act she turned to what looked like millions of women and hollered: 'Okay, girls, he's all yours!'"

"That did it. They swarmed over me like a tidal wave."

In Chicago, some bright publicity man talked Mr. Granger into tucking some books under his arm and sauntering onto a high school campus—just to see if anybody would recognize him.

Apparently the press agent didn't know about the fatal fascination 26-year-old Farley has for anything in skirts... young or old. He was mobbed before he even got inside the school.

### Novelty Maker Held For Smashing Pennies

Detroit — Secret Service agents picked up William Weiss, 47, yesterday after watching him stamp pennies into oval-shaped souvenirs in a downtown park. They took 500 of the novelties from Weiss under authority of a new law signed by President Truman Monday making mutilation of pennies and nickels a crime.

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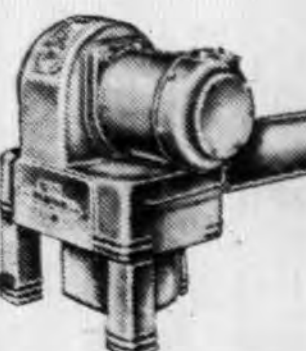
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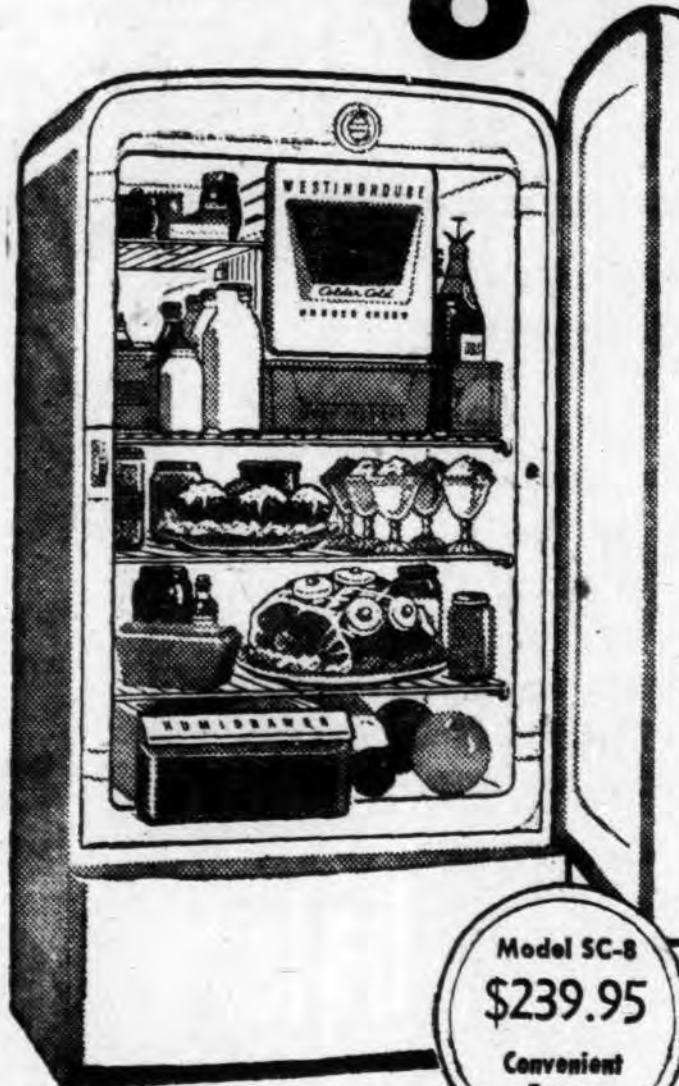
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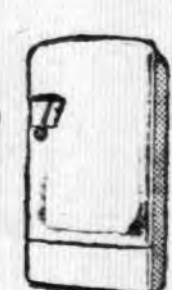
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